

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the inserted paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 10/258,121 filed October 21, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,783,409.

Please amend the Abstract of the disclosure as shown below:

A pod unit including a pod housing (1) and an assembly unit (6), a so called seating, for the pod housing (1), wherein the seating (6) has a lower portion (6A) and an upper portion (6F) as well as a base (15) for the installation of the pod housing (1) which comprises a lower casing portion (1A) for the accommodation of a propulsion unit (2, 3, 4), an intermediate portion (1B) comprising air ducts (9, 10), and an upper portion (13), which is fixedly connected to a steering engine (14, 18, 19), with a gear ring (14) to be fixed at ~~said~~ the base (15). A cooling system having at least one fan (7) is mounted within the seating.